

Human Services Funding Committee / Community Development Committee (CDC)
April 2, 2009

Committee Members Attending: Jana McClure, Mary Jane Laus, Lewis Rudolph, Paulette Brooks

Town Staff: Roy Rosenblatt

Absent Committee Members: Isaac BenEzra, Claude Tellier

The Thursday, April 2, 2009 Community Development Committee met in first floor Meeting Room in Town Hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Laus chaired the meeting. Mr. Rosenblatt distributed a handout containing the petition for town meeting by the *Coalition to Support an Amherst Human Services Budget and Emergency Assistance Fund* and a draft of the Emergency Assistance Fund plan for \$115,000 to be used for emergency fuel, housing assistance and administration costs.

The committee discussed both of the handout issues at length.

Action:

Paulette Brooks moved to accept the Emergency Assistance Fund plan as submitted. Ms. McClure seconded the motion. The vote to recommend the Emergency Assistance Fund plan to the Finance Committee and Select Board was unanimous.

Paulette Brooks moved to support the petition to restore the town's human service funding as put forth by The Coalition to Support an Amherst Human Services Budget. Ms. Laus seconded the motion. Vote was one (1) for the motion and three (3) against the motion. A report explaining the vote will be drafted, approved and submitted before April 14th.

Next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be the scheduled Public Forum for the Community Development Block Grant on April 7, 2009 at the Bangs Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paulette Brooks